

## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Tuesday, February 12, 2008

10:30 a.m.

519 House Office Building

Representative Melton, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Melton, Valentine, Angerer, Brown, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Dean, Hopgood, Lindberg, Meisner, Miller, Polidori, Moolenaar, Emmons, Hoogendyk, Steil, Pearce, Schuitmaker and Knollenberg.

Representative Brown moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2008 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Angerer moved to excuse absent members.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representatives Scott, Hildenbrand and Opsommer.

The Chair laid HB 5381 and HB 5382 before the committee.

**HB 5381 Clack** Juveniles; truancy; family division of the circuit court to notify secretary of state of truancy disposition; provide for.

**HB 5382 Clack** Education; attendance; local truancy policies; require adoption and implementation by schools and prosecutors.

David Leyton, representing the Genesee County Prosecutors Office, testified in support of HB 5381 and HB 5382.

Stuart Dunnings, representing the Ingham County Prosecutors Office, testified in support of HB 5381 and HB 5382.

Representative Clack testified in support of HB 5381 and HB 5382.

James Fackler, representing the Michigan Secretary of State, testified in opposition to HB 5381.

The following people submitted cards in support of HB 5381 and HB 5382, but did not wish to speak:

Jim Ballard, representing the Secondary School Principals Association,

Brian Whiston, representing the Oakland Schools,  
Brad Biladeau, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

The following students from Birmingham High School testified on HB 5381:  
Caitlin Miller testified in opposition,  
Matt Sienkiewicz testified in support,  
Jack Rokicki testified in opposition,  
Elissa Schwartz testified and stated a neutral position.

Ida Byrd-Hill, representing the Uplift, Inc., submitted a card in support of HB 5381 and HB 5382.\*

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:00 p.m.

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Representative Tim Melton, Chair

Ben Cook  
Committee Clerk  
February 12, 2008  
1 hour 30 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed

\* indicates written material submitted.